

Past President Nygaard Named Outstanding Friend by VPLDA



The Virginia Public Library Directors Association has named **Ellen Nygaard** an Outstanding Library Friend.

The activities and accomplishments of the Friends of the Library under her leadership are unparalleled in the 43-year history of the organization. Ellen's accomplishments include spearheading an advocacy campaign which restored library funding in 2004 and leading the library's 40th anniversary celebration and an Endowment Fund campaign that raised \$155,000 in 2006.

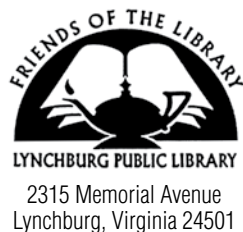
Ellen was surprised with her award at the June 12 board meeting, her last as president, where she was given flowers, a cake, and a framed certificate.

Circulation Statistics

During FY 2007 over 300,000 people entered the Main Branch of the library. Circulation handled over a million items, checking out or renewing 522,624 and checking in 518,395. 3,356 new patrons were registered bringing our total to about 28,500 registered borrowers.

...With Gratitude

Eleanor Taylor, life-long Lynchburg philanthropist, passed away in July. Guided by the adage, "Think Globally, Act Locally," she generously supported many local organizations. The Friends are grateful for the \$20,000 she contributed just weeks before her death. Her gift will be used, in part, to support youth programs and to provide adult materials.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Won't You Become a Friend of the Lynchburg Public Library?



I write to our library newsletter readers with excitement and enthusiasm as I begin my service as President of the Board of the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library. I thank our outgoing President, Ellen Nygaard, for the marvelous leadership she has provided. Also, I thank our retiring Friends' Board members and welcome our new members Maureen Bendall, Kate Gray, Paul McKendrick, Dorothy Niles, Marc Schewel, Patty Worsham, and Marty Wright.

As President, I am excited to invite each of you to join the 510 members of the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library. The rewards of being a Friend are wonderful, to you personally and to the library. By becoming a Friend, you support a summer reading program that serves over 4,000 children and teens; you sponsor the over 100 dedicated volunteers who donate more than 3,000 hours of service annually; you support the Adult Summer Reading Program; you sponsor the community wide reading program, **Lynchburg Reads**, which encourages all of Lynchburg's citizens to experience the fun of reading and sharing ideas about the same book; and you promote the growth of our library which is visited daily by more than 800 people who checked out 540,245 items in FY 2007.

Since 1964, when a group of concerned citizens organized the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library and launched a successful grassroots campaign to open a tax-supported public library for all citizens, the Friends have made a profound difference in our community. With the excellent leadership of library director Lynn Dodge and the work of our fabulous library staff, the dreams of those founding Friends have been fully realized and surpassed. Won't you help ensure the library's continued growth and vitality by becoming a Friend? Join us as a Friend of the Lynchburg Public Library, and you will discover the true joy of making a positive contribution to our community.

Margie Lippard, President



Yes! I want to become a member of the
Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library
(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008)

Name _____
(as you would like it to appear on your mailing label)

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

All contributions are tax deductible.

☐ Check here if receipt is needed.

☐ Yes, my company will match the gift. I have enclosed the company form for matching gifts.

Make checks payable to Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library (FLPL). Mail to FLPL, 2315 Memorial Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24501, or use your credit card at the Network for Good website: [HTTP://WWW.NETWORKFORGOOD.ORG](http://WWW.NETWORKFORGOOD.ORG).

Get Scared @ Your Library!

Put yourself in the mood for Halloween! L.B. Taylor, Jr., author of *The Ghosts of Virginia* series, will speak and show slides at the Lynchburg Public Library on **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 PM**. The program will be most suitable for teens on up.

L.B. Taylor, Jr. was born in Lynchburg and has a degree in Journalism from Florida State University. Now retired, he has lived in Williamsburg since 1974. Taylor is the author of more than 300 national magazine articles and 30 non-fiction books. His research for the book, *Haunted Houses*, published in 1983, stimulated his interest in area psychic phenomena and led to the publication of his regional Virginia ghost books.

You can learn more about L.B. Taylor, Jr. and his books by visiting his website at www.vaghosts.com



Preschool Pizzazz

30-minute programs designed especially for children ages 3-5.
September 18-December 12
Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
or
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.



While parents do not attend storytime with preschoolers, we rely on them to be our partners and ask that they remain in the library during programs.

Pre-registration is required and begins on Sept. 4.

Tales for Twos

20-minute programs designed especially for 2-year-old listeners and their parents.
September 17-December 11
Mondays 10:30 or 11:00 a.m.
or
Tuesdays at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m.



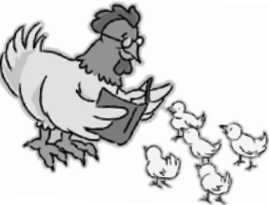
A parent or caregiver must attend.
Siblings are welcome.

Pre-registration is required and begins on Sept. 4.

Born to Read

A lapsit program for children under 2.
Designed primarily as a storytime for very young children and their parents to introduce language and the library.
The second and fourth Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

September 14 and 28
October 12 and 26
November 9
December 14 and 28



New Computer Management Software @ Your Library



What do iPhones, *Harry Potter* and the *Deathly Hallows*, and Internet availability at the library have in common? More than you'd think. Each has brought with it a demand frenzy rivaling the first day of the Christmas shopping season.

With 60,000+ annual user sessions, managing library patron Internet usage has presented a unique set of problems since day one. In June the library installed and began using PC Management software to better manage the public computers that are so heavily used every day. The result has been less bookkeeping for Adult and Youth Services library staff who, for the most part, have been relieved of trying to figure out who's in line for the next available Internet computer and who sent what pages to the printer.

PC Management software enables users to log in using their library card. For some patrons it has meant acquiring a library card. Library cards are free to both city and Amherst County residents. Patrons who want to use the Internet but do not wish to check out library materials can receive an Internet-only card. Frequent computer users who are not city or Amherst County residents can also obtain an Internet-only card. Internet-only cards may **not** be used to check out books or other materials. Cards are issued at the circulation desk.

Often, out-of-town visitors on vacation or business trips stop in at the library

to check their email. Temporary guest passes are issued to these people at no charge.

Computer usage rules have not changed, but usage can be more easily monitored with the new software. Computer usage is limited to a maximum of two hours per day per individual. He or she signs up for 30 minutes and may extend the time by 10-minute increments if no one else is waiting to use the computer. If all computers are in use, the next available computer can be reserved. The user enters his or her library card and is assigned a time when the next computer will be available. He or she returns at the correct time and is able to use the reserved computer. The software tracks the total time used.

Print Manager software has also been installed on the Main Library's computers. This has sharply reduced the number of printed but unclaimed pages and substantially reduced library costs for paper and toner. When computer users wish to print a document, a display tells them how many pages they are printing at 10 cents per page. The computer user can send the print on to the printer or cancel the print job.

Currently about 200 people use the 20 PCs and two word processors in Adult Services and Youth Services per day. Between 100 and 400 copies are printed each day.

As with most changes, there is a learning curve as staff and patrons adjust. As always, staff members are ready and willing to assist anyone with the new changes.



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Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

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Main
Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

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Mon.- Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

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455-3820

CLOSED
Monday, September 3
Labor Day

Thursday and Friday,
November 22 and 23
Thanksgiving

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Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Saturday, Sept. 15	8:30 AM-Noon	Strategic Planning Meeting, Downtown Branch
Tuesday, Nov. 13	4 PM-5:30 PM	Main Library
Tuesday, January 8	4 PM-5:30 PM	Main Library